gives exemption to licence holders in Form 28 from possession of Form 10 licence for Import of Scheduled C and C (1) drugs as they are actual users of the drugs. The question of extension of this exemption to lean licences in form 28-A had been examined and it was decided to give this exemption to lean licencees also from possessing Form 10 licence for import o fScheduled C and (C(1) drugs, pending amendment of Schedule D. The lean licencees are considered actual users, manufacturing drugs availing the facilities of a licencee in Form-28 and are defined as actual users in the Import Policy 1990—93. Thus drugs are released by the Port Officers to the actual users having licences in Form 28 as well as 28-A.

(b) Normally at the time of Import, the Port Officers record the details like the name of Importer, the name of the drug, the name of the manufacturer, Batch No. Quantity and C.I.F. Value but not whether the importer is holding licence in Form 28 or Form 28-A. Hence the information is not available.

Medicare to retired Central Government employees

2821. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Fourth Central pay Commission had recommended medicare to retired Central Government employees almost at par with the serving Central Government employees;

(b) whether it is also a fact that only a fraction of the retired Governmen employees are presently getting medicare in the CGHS dispensaries, and the bulk of pensioners are thus facing critical situation for want of medicare;

(c) whether it is a fact that Govern ment are actively emploring the ways and means for augmenrting medicare facility at places beyond the jurisdiction of the CGHS dispensaries; and

(d) if the answer to parts (a), (b) and (c) above be in affirmattve whether Government would spell oit the nature of medicare facility contemplated and the probable date of the implementation of the proposed scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Department of Pension & Pensioners Griveance had set up a inter-departmental committee to consider the recommendations of IV th Pay Commission regarding medical facilities to Pensioners. The recommendations of the Committee are under examination.

Action against drug companies

2822. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have received a number of communications from Members of Parliament on the issues of steep increase in prices of medicines, overcharging of prices, worng exclusion of drugs from price control, marketing of medicines without price approval, contravention of Drugs Prices Control Order, anomalies in reports and findings of the committee appointed by his Ministry on various drug issues and complaints about corruption against certain officials of Department of Chemicals;

(b) if so, what is the number of such communications received during the period from Ist January, 1990 to 31st August, 1990;